IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

NISHIO et al.

Serial No.: 09/037,916

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Examiner: MCCARTY, W

For: ELECTRONIC PURSE SYSTEM HAVING A DOUBLE-STRUCTURED PUR堡,

IC CARD APPLICABLE TO THE ELECTRONIC PURSE SYSTEM, IC CARD TRANSACTION APPARATUS HAVING A DOUBLE-STRUCTURED PURSE, IC CARD TRANSACTION SYSTEM HAVING A DOUBLE-STRUCTURED PURSE,

AND IC CARD APPLICABLE TO THE IC CARD SYSTEM

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

March 8, 2000

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 8, 1999, for one month from February 8, 2000 to March 8, 2000.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00) to cover the cost of the extension fee. In the event that this check is found to be insufficient, or if any additional fees are due with respect to the filing of this paper, please charge Deposit Account Number 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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